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ARABIA.

*The lazaretto at Aden.*ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, *December 24, 1897.*

SIR: I send by this mail a newspaper containing a letter from Aden, and inclose a translation of same. The general health in these parts is good, and the hotels in Cairo are having a record season. There is nothing of importance to report.

I remain, sir, yours faithfully,
The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAMES F. LOVE.

[Inclosure.]

ADEN, ARABIA, *December 14, 1897.*

It is something extraordinary, the coolness and indifference of the authorities of Aden to everything appertaining to the quarantine regulations. Just imagine, the lazaretto, or quarantine pesthouse, was only established four months after the beginning of the plague at Bombay, and then only at the European demand. This lazaretto is established on a small island, about 200 yards from the houses of Steamer Point, the marine quarter of Aden, where are all the consulates, the great establishments, and several thousand inhabitants. Steamer Point is just like Port Said. But just imagine a quarantine established on the bank of the Suez Canal, just opposite Port Said.

If you place yourself on Steamer Point, on the point of location of the coal depot of the Aden Coal Company, a stone thrown from the land could reach the island of the quarantine. The use of this last is absolutely absurd. The passage is isolated, it is true, but the servants come and go from the island to the town.

There is here a serious danger to Egypt. The passengers leaving Aden for Suez are only allowed on the steamer on condition that they have a certificate from the police proving that they have passed ten days at Aden, or on proving that they came from this famous lazaretto. This certificate does not prove anything at all. In this lazaretto everybody is mixed up together.

Such passengers who have passed seven days' quarantine are mixed up with those just arriving from Bombay. All this is serious. If the authorities were to send a sanitary commission they would see that the guarantee offered by the quarantine at Aden is absolutely nothing. The position is absurd; it is too near the town. At low tide one can go there on foot, and the place is too small. It is an island which you can walk around in two minutes.

The lazaretto should be built on the Little Aden Island; that is the best place. The actual lazaretto is simply to be able to say that all the precautions have been taken to prevent the infection from entering the Red Sea, to scoff at Egypt in particular, and Europe in general.